



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### REIMAGINE LIFE WITH DEMENTIA DAY

- WHEREAS: Dementia describes a group of conditions characterized by the impairment of at least two brain functions, such as memory loss and judgment. Dementia is caused by physical changes in the brain and affects an estimated 5.5 million people in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Dementia has physical, psychological, social and economic effects on caregivers, families and communities, as many citizens devote their time and efforts to the caretaking of loved ones with dementia; and
- WHEREAS: Person-centered support for those living with dementia is based on the fundamental belief that every person has a unique background, special skills, and the right to determine how to live his or her life. Such support focuses on nurturing the person's emotional, social, physical, and spiritual well-being; and
- WHEREAS: There are opportunities to engage directly with individuals living with dementia so that others may learn from them and amplify first-person perspectives about dementia, as well as opportunities to educate the public about dementia to raise awareness, increase understanding, and address misperceptions and stigmas associated with dementia; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations such as the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) are working to create a better society now for individuals living with dementia, as well as a better environment for those who may live with the disease in the future. DAA envisions a society where dementia symptoms are better understood and accommodated, and in furtherance of that objective, the organization is bringing together North American stakeholders at the 2017 Dementia Care Conference with the theme: "Reimagine Life With Dementia: Engage - Empower - Enable;" now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2017, as REIMAGINE LIFE WITH DEMENTIA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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